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1 MR. BEDONIE: [Good evening, relatives that are here concerned for life, concerned for the future of your future generation. I would like to say that to build a nuclear waste dump in Yucca Valley is a violation of human rights, a violation of religious rights, a violation of animal rights. There are sacred sites right on there. It's a violation of the people that live within the area, the Western Shoshone and the Paiutes within California, Arizona and I think that it's not good to have any kind of waste product that comes from radiation that causes radiation or plutonium to make energy.

I think people should know what they're doing before they start working or using plutonium to make energy. I'm concerned for the people, and it's a violation of the Ruby Valley Treaty with the Western Shoshone. It is not right to put our future generation in danger just because we say I. What about we, the people? What about relatives that will be here after we have gone back to the spiritual world? Is I only important? Is money only important?

I think that they have to figure out a way, a system to deal with this because I think that Yucca Mountain is a sacred mountain. It's a precious mountain that people offer sacred shrines. I'm sure that they go up to the mountain to pray and to have ceremony within the area. I am sure people go there to look for sacred herbs, sacred medicine. I'm sure people go there to get food for the family, for the children. So I am against to have a waste disposal plant in Yucca Mountain.]

2 [I think that Yucca Mountain shouldn't be the place. I think they should take it to Washington D.C. and fly it there and put it -- have a waste disposal right there at the Department of Energy. Let them deal with it because they are the ones that are sacrificing our life, our children, our way of life. Maybe the government should deal with it, put it right there in their state capitol and that way they would see and understand how we human beings don't like this kind of stuff. I would like to say this again. Thank you, relatives, for letting me speak to you. Thank you.]